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SUBJECT: CHANNEL FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH PEKING

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1. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTION THAT WE MIGHT
USE YOUR HONG KONG CONTACTS FOR A "RELIABLE BUT UNOFFICIAL"
DIALOGUE WITH THE PRC, WE SEE POTENTIAL DANGERS IN DOING
SO. OUR EXISTING CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH THE PRC
PERMIT US A WIDE CHOICE IN THE DEGREE OF AUTHORITATIVENESS
WE CONVEY AS WELL AS SOME VARIETY OF LOCATION. IN TALKS
WITH YOUR PRC CONTACTS YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES SHOULD
CONTINUE TO DISCUSS U.S. POLICY WITHIN STANDARD GUIDELINES.
WE ARE, OF COURSE, INTERESTED IN THE NUANCES OF CHINESE

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EXPRESSION ON VARIOUS ISSUES BUT YOU SHOULD NOT IMPLY YOU
HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO SHADE U.S. POSITIONS.

2. THE DILEMMAS MENTIONED IN REFTEL PARAS 2 AND 3
OBVIOUSLY GO TO THE ROOT OF THE NORMALIZATION ISSUE. BOTH
GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN REASONABLY CLEAR IN THEIR UNDER-
STANDING OF EACH OTHER'S "PRINCIPLES" WHILE UNCERTAIN

ABOUT THE DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY WITH WHICH THEY COULD BE
APPLIED. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN THE STRICTEST POSSIBLE

CONTROL OVER STATEMENTS OF OUR POSITION WHICH CAN BEST BE
DONE WITH SPECIFIC GUIDANCE AND THROUGH ACKNOWLEDGED
CHANNELS.
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